



# *Good News Notre Dame*

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## **LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS**

The most exciting news to come out of the ND Library in some time is probably not a surprise to most students: we are undergoing a major renovation! Thanks need to be extended to all staff and students who have had their school routines interrupted beginning at the start of June when the library closed in order to completely empty the space before construction begins.

The renovation includes a complete re-design of the space. The circulation desk will be relocated, as will the learning spaces, book shelves and computers. The conference room and half of the teacher-librarian office will be combined to create a new class-room type space. A “hack lab” or “maker space” (if you are unfamiliar with these terms, ask your teenage son/daughter!) will be added and it will have a 3D printer. All new furniture, shelving, flooring, lighting, computers, security system, and ceiling design are part of the renovation. We can’t wait to see the finished product, which is to be completed by the beginning of September. Be sure to come by to see the new ND Library Learning Commons this fall!

## **ND WINS GOLD!**

We are proud to announce that Notre Dame has received a Gold Level of recognition from the Durham Region Health Department. The members of DYDAC (Durham Youth Drug Advisory Committee) at Notre Dame worked diligently to promote Alcohol and Marijuana-Free Living during a week-long campaign in February. The committee organized a number of events including a visit by the Durham Police Drug Recognition Officer, Constable Alex McMillan, and a poster campaign to raise awareness. Students attended a party serving mocktails and were able to use glasses to simulate impairment. This was an eye-opening experience for the students, many of whom are new drivers. Congratulations Notre Dame on your Gold Level Healthy School Award!

## **Catholic Graduate Expectation #1**

A discerning believer formed in the Catholic faith community who celebrates the signs and sacred mysteries of God’s presence through word, sacrament, prayer, forgiveness, reflection and moral living

## Coin de Français Intensif/Immersion

It has been a great first year of our new program at Notre Dame C.S.S. Students were able to apply their French language skills in various areas and everyday real-world activities. This past year, students were able to use and learn more about French Culture and Language through our trips to Lula Lounge “Lula Afrique” and the film “Le Petit Prince” thereby developing their Intercultural Awareness.



Students learned that French can be seen around the world, in particular, in some African countries such as Burkina Faso and Guinea. Students enjoyed learning an African dance, playing drums as well as tasting some African cuisine. The movie “Le Petit Prince” gave students a taste of one of the most popular French books which is both educational and inspiring. Students have commented: « *On a aimé Lula Lounge parce que c'était unique, intéressant et a beaucoup d'interaction. C'était une expérience qui a ouvert les yeux aux autres cultures.* » (« *We liked Lula Lounge because it was unique, interesting and had a lot of interactive activities. It was an experience that opened my eyes to other cultures.* ») and « *This movie showed an appealing outlook on never giving up on your dreams and aspirations...never stop creating a better world to live in.* »



*Le Petit Prince*

With summer fast approaching, we begin our preparations for next year in welcoming our Grade 9s and welcoming back our Grade 10s. Next year, our Grade 10 students will have the following courses in French: French, History, Religion and Careers/Civics (optional in French). We wish you all a restful, sun-filled and blessed summer. Bonnes vacances et à septembre!

Some helpful links to help your son or daughter at home over the summer: [Podcasts](#), [News](#) and [TV5monde](#)

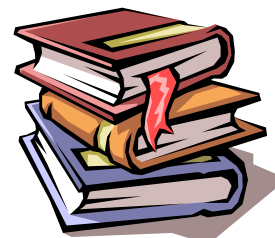
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mme J. Rodriguez

### REPORT CARDS & TEXTBOOKS



This year reports cards will not be mailed out. Report cards will be available for pickup starting July 5th from the main office. The Response Form included with the report card your son/daughter brings home should be used to communicate information related directly to student achievement, plans and goals. As such it is important that it is filled out and returned. Please contact guidance if you have any questions regarding your son/daughter's report card and about course selections for next year.

In some courses, the cost of textbook replacement can be in excess of \$100 per book. Please assist us in ensuring that our textbooks are well maintained and returned promptly at the end of the semester. In some cases a report card may be withheld due to textbooks not being returned. Should you have textbooks in need of return, please return them as you pickup your report card.



### Catholic Graduate Expectation #2

An effective communicator who speaks, writes and listens honestly and sensitively, responding critically in light of gospel values

## Chaplain's Message

We had a positive year with our Liturgical celebrations. We were blessed to have our special needs students assist in making the mass so real and beautiful.

Our Christmas outreach once again provided families within our community with needed support and love during a season that many struggle with. With our retreat program Notre Dame students were encouraged to look at the world and others around them in a new light of compassion and mercy. During this year of mercy, from the morning prayers and throughout the entire school day students were challenged to bring this powerful message of mercy, forgiveness and healing to fruition in their interaction with others – both inside and outside the school community. I was blessed to have come to know many of our graduating students this year and I'm sure many of them will go on to make wonderful contributions in society and be true witnesses to the 'Light of Christ' for their families and the world around them

## GUIDANCE / CO-OP NEWS

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2016. The Guidance staff wishes all of our Grads success in their future endeavours.

Timetables for September 2016 are set and students are reminded that there will be no changes to optional courses for Grade 9's and 10's in the fall and limited changes for 11's and 12's.

There are more than 120 students currently placed in our Co-operative Education program and we anticipate a positive learning experience for all involved. The Co-op teachers invite members of the Notre Dame community interested in hosting a co-op student to contact the Guidance Department at 905-686-7063.

The Ontario Universities Fair is scheduled for Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>-Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The fair will be held in the South Building of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, which is located at 222 Bremner Boulevard. All prospective University students are encouraged to start their research early and can use the website, [www.ouf.ca](http://www.ouf.ca) or [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca), to link to all Ontario schools. The College Fair is October 17th and 18th at the Direct Energy Centre, 100 Princess Blvd. Program information can be found at [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)



The Student Ambassador program has completed the interview process and the successful Grade Nine applicants were chosen. These students perform an invaluable service within the community, acting as leaders during masses, student orientation days and numerous other school functions.

Please be advised that students wishing to complete community service hours over the summer should have their position pre-approved by Guidance.

### Catholic Graduate Expectation #3

A reflective, creative and holistic thinker who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good

## Canada & World Studies

As this school year comes to a close, the Canada and World Studies Department would like to thank our students for their hard work and determination. It has been another exceptional year for the department, providing students with enriched tasks and opportunities to express their ideas in a myriad of creative ways.

The upcoming 2016-2017 academic year will bring with it further experiences and chances to explore the many aspects of our departmental courses. Should you have any questions about the completion of this year or the start of the next, please do not hesitate to contact me or your student's teachers. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.



Paul McNeil,  
Curriculum Chair, Canada and World Studies Department.

## Business Specialist High Skills Major



ND's oldest Specialist High Skills Major program continues to steam ahead with hopes and plans for an even better year this fall. The Business SHSM enables ND students to gain sector-specific skills and knowledge and helps them focus on graduation and on pursuing their postsecondary goals. This specialist program gives students a potential leg-up on the competition for both jobs and for spots at college/university.

Even students taking courses that are not pure business can also potentially earn a Business Specialist. Courses that can be used towards a Business SHSM designation include Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Web Design and even Construction Technology.

All students in ND's Business SHSM participate in reach-ahead opportunities to learn from the experience of business career professionals and post-secondary institutions. In addition, students will also gain certification in CPR, First Aid, Customer Service, WHMIS, Ergonomics and Counterfeit Detection which will not only be beneficial in their future careers but also makes them more marketable for part time or summer jobs.

As an integral part of the Business SHSM program, students also earn two credits in a subject related co-op placement to further enhance their learning and help provide them with marketable skills for their future.

Visit [www.notredamecss.ca/bizshsm](http://www.notredamecss.ca/bizshsm) for more information or contact Guidance

### Catholic Graduate Expectation #4

A self-directed, responsible, life-long learner who develops and demonstrates his/her God-given potential

## Sports 2016

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:



### Junior Boys Cross Country: LOSSA & OFSAA CHAMPIONS!

Matt B, Adam B, Ashton J, Brad R, Alejandro V

### Track and Field:

**LOSSA CHAMPIONS:** Overall Team, Overall Boys Team, Midget Boys Team, Junior Boys Team, Senior Girls Team, SG 4x100, and our individual champions: Biana B, Matt B, Alleyah H, Ashton J, Alyssa M, Cameron R, Xahria S, Dominic S, Ethan V, Alejandro V and Jacob W.



**OFSAA MEDALISTS:** Bianca B, Alyssa M, Xahria S, Overall Girls Team – 2<sup>nd</sup> at OFSAA

**OFSAA Qualifiers:** Jonae B, Adam & Matt B, Alleyah H, Ashton J, Luke JZ, Cameron R, Dylan T, Jalisa S, Jacob W and Kenisha W

**Varsity Football: Tier 2 LOSSA CHAMPIONS**

**Boys Basketball: Tier 2 LOSSA CHAMPIONS**

**Nordic Skiing: LOSSA TEAM TITLE**

**OFSAA Qualifiers:** Paisley B, Adam B, Matt B, Sarah F, Luke JZ, Taylor M, Brad R, Dominic S and Ethan V

**Athletes of the Year:** Adam (JB), Matt B (JB), Emmanuel B(SB), Alyssa M (JG), Xahria S (SG), Jalisa S (SG)

### Catholic Graduate Expectation #5

A collaborative contributor who finds meaning, dignity and vocation in work which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good



# Semester Two Wrap-Up @ ND Library

Our library is blessed with a wonderful group of volunteers. They help circulate books, assist students and are all-around problem solvers. Here is an alphabetical list of superstars this semester:

- **Britney G**
- **Tala L**
- **Matthew M-M**
- **Sugun M**
- **Ashley M-C**
- **Callysta M**
- **Nicole P**
- **Raheim R**
- **Akilah W**
- **Angelica Y**
- **Lois Grace S**

Congratulations to all the Gr.9s who participated in the **Accelerated Reader** program and who enjoyed some great novels since early February. I am particularly proud of the students who consistently read novels throughout the semester and reached their goal!

Our overall winner with **550** points is **Josh B** in Ms. Alilovic's Period 4 class. Congratulations! Enjoy the Pickering Town Centre gift certificate. Here are the top 5 readers in each Gr. 9 English class. The top reader also earned a gift certificate:

## Mrs. Alilovic Period 2

1. **Elizabeth J** (top reader)
2. Sophia D
3. Gia B
4. Kylie R
5. Bianca U

## Mr. Crosby Period 4

1. **Storme H** (top reader)
2. Joshua T
3. Gabby SJ
4. Taiesha A
5. Jody J

## Mrs. Alilovic Period 4

1. **Josh B** (top reader)
2. Alessia C
3. Mathuraa B

## Mrs. Duguay Period 2

1. **Marton E** (top reader)
2. Megan E
3. Tala L

Accelerated Reader also involves a competition between classes. This semester, Ms. Alilovic's Period 4 was the clear winner and won a pizza party.

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## Catholic Graduate Expectation #6

A caring family member who attends to family, school, parish, and the wider community

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## Battle of the White Pine Books, 2016 ~ So Close to Ultimate Victory!

In the most exciting day of Battle of the Books competition I have ever witnessed, Notre Dame came up just short of being repeat champions at Pickering Public Library's Main Branch in May. The day was off to a rocky start for the Notre Dame crew (pictured below) but they re-grouped and had a strong second round. The top 3 teams play in the finals and Notre Dame was tied for 3rd after regular round play. ND had to win in a sudden death battle against McLaughlin, which they did in quick order. On to the finals we went (for the 6th time in 7 years). Our competition was All Saints and Pickering High.

The day seemed to be repeating itself as ND had a rough start in the finals, but then achieved a perfect score in the lightning round creating a tie for first with Pickering. More sudden death questions followed to decide the champion. After seven nail-biting rounds of questions, ND finally succumbed to the perfect question-answering skill of Pickering. Second place for ND!

I am very proud of the ND team and am impressed with the hard work they put in to prepare for this year's Battle. Congratulations to our captain, **Ashley M-C** and her outstanding crew (in alphabetical order):

**Mathuraa B, Miriam J, Emma L, Jude R, and Jessica S.**



## White Pine Celebration

On May 18th, the ND White Pine Reading Club joined the other Durham Region Catholic high schools at Monsignor Pereyema C.S.S. in Oshawa for our annual White Pine Celebration. Ashley, Jessica and Mathuraa did a splendid job presenting the book, "The Art of Getting Stared At" by Laura Langston. We enjoyed lunch and were entertained by guest author Hilary T. Smith ("A Sense of the Infinite").

Many thanks to Mrs. Walters and her volunteers at Pereyema for organizing a wonderful event.

## And finally....

Please ensure all books have been returned to the Notre Dame library. If you find one over the summer I will be pleased to have it back as soon as possible. Parents, if your son or daughter did not receive their report card, it may be due to an outstanding debt or missing book. All outstanding books can be dropped off at the main office

Enjoy your summer reading and remember,  
"Reading Makes You Smart!"

Mr. Gardin  
Teacher-Librarian

## Transportation Update!

Durham Student Transportation Services has introduced weather zones for inclement weather cancellations.

Please be sure to visit their website, [www.dsts.on.ca](http://www.dsts.on.ca) for additional information.



## Catholic Graduate Expectation #7

A responsible citizen who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life

## *Vimy Ridge 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, April 2017.*



On July 1, 1867, we became a nation, 'The Dominion of Canada'. On April 9, 1917, Canada became a country and demonstrated to the world how great it was and would become. Previous attempts to take the Vimy Ridge from the Germans in World War I resulted in over 150,000 French and British casualties and no success. At daybreak on April 9, 1917, fighting for the first time as one all Canadian force, the greatest battle in our history began. And four days later, at a cost of more than 10,600 lives, we had taken Vimy Ridge, an unprecedented Canadian victory.

April 9, 2017 will mark the 100th Anniversary of the battle that changed Canada, and we will join thousands of other Canadian students in France to celebrate and honor those that served, all part of the **EF Education First program**. On April 3, 2017, we will depart for this once in a lifetime experience, providing our students with the opportunity to not just study history, but to write and experience it. They will be aware of not just their Canadian citizenship, but their roles as global citizens.

Further information is also available on-line at [eftours.ca](http://eftours.ca).

*We owe our World War II veterans - and all our veterans - a debt we can never fully repay.  
~ Doc Hastings ~*